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SUBJECT: COUP TRIAL WITNESS ASSERTS CIA-PAPADOPOULOS
RELATIONSHIP

1. IN COURSE OF TESTIMONY AUGUST 9, PROSECUTION
WITNESS ALEXANDROS LYKOURAZOS URGED COURT HEARING
HIGH TREASON CASE OF THE APRIL 21, 1967 COUP PLOTTERS
TO PURSUE AND STUDY FURTHER THE RELATIONSHIP OF THE
COUP PROTAGONISTS WITH U.S. "SECRET SERVICES." AS A
BUTTRESS TO HIS SUGGESTION, LYKOURAZOS REMINDED THE
COURT THAT IN 1972 (SIC) IN COURSE OF CONFIRMATION
HEARINGS BEFORE SENATE, CIA DIRECTOR COLBY HAS ASSERTED
IN RESPONSE TO A QUESTION THAT "FOR SOME TIME OUR
SERVICE COOPERATED WITH MR. PAPADOPOULOS". LYKOURAZOS
THEN DREW COURT'S ATTENTION TO FACT THAT "TWO
COMMITTEES OF THE SENATE AND HOUSE" ARE NOW INVESTI-
GATING THIS MATTER IN COURSE THEIR INVESTIGATION OF CIA.

2. WHEN COURT PRESIDENT COMMENTED THAT AMERICAN MILITARY
AND POLITICAL LEADERS WERE NOT BEING TRIED IN THE
COURT, LYKOURAZOS RESPONDED "PERHAPS THEY ARE,
INDIRECTLY". HE ALSO ASSERTED HIS BELIEF THAT ACCUSED
WERE SERVING FOREIGN INTERESTS AND HE EXPRESSED REGRET
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THAT THE CURRENT TRIAL WAS NOT HEADING IN A DIRECTION

GEARED TO ILLUMINATE THAT CONNECTION. HE THEN RECOMMENDED THAT GREEK JOURNALIST ELIAS DEMETROCOPOULOS BE INVITED TO APPEAR BEFORE THE COURT, A PERSON "WHO WOULD BE ABLE TO PROVE WITH CRUSHING EVIDENCE THE PRE-APRIL MEDDLING AND SUPPORT OF THE DEFENDANTS BY FOREIGN POWERS". COURT PRESIDENT RESPONDED IN TURN THAT IT WOULD NOT BE FEASIBLE TO SUMMON DEMETROCOPOULOS AS A WITNESS FROM WASHINGTON.

3. COMMENT: GREEK PRESS DID NOT BOTHER PUBLISH COLBY ANSWER TO JOURNALIST'S QUESTION AFTER HIS CONFIRMATION HEARINGS (IN 1973) TO THE EFFECT THAT AGENCY'S RELATIONSHIP WITH PAPADOPOULOS WAS SIMILAR TO THAT MAINTAINED BETWEEN AGENCY AND FOREIGN INTELLIGENCE REPRESENTATIVES OF MANY OTHER FOREIGN NATIONS, I.E. A NORMAL LIAISON FUNCTION.
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